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1. INTELLIGENCE FROM A JOURNALIST AND FROM PER ON FINLAND
2. POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING CIPHER PADS FROM AKASTO (1942)

From: STOCKHOLM

To: MOSCOW

No: 766

22 Apr. 42

Name No. 42^[i]

1. The correspondent of the New York Times has reported that, during the first half of April, General LIST was in FINLAND and had private conversations with MANNERHEIM and DIETL. He afterwards visited VIBORG and inspected the units intended for the attack on Leningrad from the direction of the KARELIAN Isthmus.

2. From PER.^[ii]

Several days ago a delegation of workers visited President RYTI and demanded that soldiers should be released from army units for spring-time work on the farms, because otherwise there would be no harvest at all this year. The delegation stated that the workers were of the opinion that, at a time which was so difficult for FINLAND, the military Commanders were continuing to plan an offensive. On several occasions in the Finnish Sejm a few deputies have spoken against the continuation of the offensive and in particular against the plan to attack SOROKA as soon as weather conditions permit, for which [1 group garbled] part of the districts of POVENETS and between the lakes to the west of SOROKA.

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By agreement between AKASTO^[iii] and myself, he could hand over to me, if MOSCOW does not object, 10 outgoing pads and 5 incoming pads.^[iv] Please [2 groups unrecovered].

No. 57^[v]

[Name No. 64]^[v]

Distribution

Note: [a] Referred to in MOSCOW's No. 300 of 23rd April, 1942 (3/NBF/TM 598)

Comments: [i] Name No. 42 : Possibly Capt. M. A. VORONTSEV.

[ii] PER : Probably Erik BJERTNÆS, a Norwegian journalist.

[iii] AK-STO : Probably Col. M. I. NIKITUSHEV, Soviet Military Attaché in STOCKHOLM.

[iv] MOSCOW's No. 309 of 30th April, 1942 (unpublished) states that AK-STO has been instructed to hand over 10 incoming and outgoing pads.

[v] Name No. 64 : Probably Aleksandr PAVLOV, Tass correspondent in STOCKHOLM.